

HONORS IN ANTHROPOLOGY

Application and Individual Student Record

(One copy of this form should go in the applicant's file, the other in a general by-year honors file in the main undergraduate office files.)

Name _____

Best address (email or snailmail) _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average at end of first semester of junior year _____

Average in Anthropology Courses at end of first semester of junior year _____

Proposed project _____

Honors advisor _____

Signature of student _____

Signature of advisor _____

(FOR LATER ACTION)

Oral Defense (**Oral defenses should be held by April 1st; final college deadline for results are April 15th.**) Two faculty members need to be present at the defense to certify the level of honors.

Date _____

Faculty members present 1. _____ (advisor)

2. _____

Recommendation (Honors, High Honors, Highest Honors)* _____

Signatures of Faculty Members Present 1. _____ (advisor)

2. _____

1. **“Honors”** is a considerable accomplishment and should be given to 60-70% of acceptable projects. (If a project does not merit basic honors but is adequate to earn a grade and credit for the work, the student can be re-registered for two independents, and retroactively graded, so as not to lose the six credits of senior year work.)
2. **“High honors”** should mark work that shows unusual excellence and/or effort in research and should be given to no more than 20-30% of the projects.
3. **“Highest honors”** should only be awarded very occasionally (once every few years) for work so good that it might be considered publishable in a scholarly journal.

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Program Description

Students with a 3.0 or better cumulative grade-point average and a 3.4 or better average in anthropology halfway through their junior year, may apply for honors to the Undergraduate Director in the spring term of their junior year or the first week of their senior year. Candidates who are accepted spend two terms (for 3 credits per term) writing an honors thesis under the supervision of their honors advisor, a faculty member in anthropology (or other qualified faculty chosen by the Undergraduate Director). Candidates give an oral defense of their thesis conducted by the advisor and at least one other faculty member in anthropology, toward the end of their senior year (important—this defense should take place around April 1, since the deadline for reporting honors outcomes to the various college and university deans is April 15th).

Students wishing to do this should start, in the spring semester of their junior years, by proposing a project to a particular faculty member (usually one with whom they have already studied) to be their honors advisor. If the faculty member agrees, the form on the reverse side should then be filled out and submitted to the Undergraduate Director, who will approve the application if the student meets all the requirements.

Sometime during the senior year, the advisor and the student should identify at least one other faculty member in anthropology (or from another field, as approved by the Undergraduate Director) who will read the completed honors thesis along with the advisor and participate in the oral. At the Oral Defense the advisor and other faculty member will decide if the project has been carried out well enough to deserve honors, and if so, at what level (honors, high honors or highest honors—for guidelines on levels, see application form on the reverse side).

In addition to department honors, senior honors projects are available through the colleges (the Mabel Smith Douglass Honors Program at Douglass, the Henry Rutgers Scholars Program at Rutgers College). If you chose to do one of these college-supported senior honors programs in anthropology, with a main advisor in anthropology, you will receive department honors for successful completion. To make sure we get word that you are doing this, after completing the college-level paperwork for these honors programs, please also make out the present form to ensure that you will receive department honors. Reminder—to receive credit for honors in anthropology you must register for 01:070:497/498 with a special permission number from the Undergraduate Director.

(SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR APPLICATION AND STUDENT RECORD)